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J-13012/117/2008-IA.II (T) Government of India Ministry of Environment & Forests

Paryavaran Bhawan CGO Complex, Lodi Road New Delhi-110 003 Dated: June 18, 2010

To

The Director
M/s Jindal Power Limited
O.R. Jindal Super Thermal Power Plant
Jindal Centre, 12, Bhikaji Cama Place,
New Delhi-110066

Sub: 4X600 MW (2400) MW Coal Based Thermal Power Plant of M/s Jindal Power Ltd (JPL) at Tamnar in District Raigarh, Chhattisgarh- reg.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 31st March, 2009 prescribing the Terms of Reference for 4X600MW coal based power project at Tamnar in District Raigarh in Chhattisgarh for undertaking detailed EIA study.

- 2. The Ministry received a compliant stating that M/s JPL have started construction for the proposed 2400MW coal based thermal power project at Tamnar in District Raigarh in Chhattisgarh without obtaining prior environmental clearance under the provisions of Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006.
- 3. To verify the facts, a team comprising of officials from Ministry's regional office at Bhopal, Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board and ex-officio CPCB inspected the plant site on 22nd May, 2010. As per the inspection report submitted to the Ministry, it has been found that M/s JPL have started construction of 4X600MW power plant in an area of 62 ha., where the existing power plant 4X250MW was set up for which environmental clearance was accorded vide Ministry letter no. J-13011/8/2006-IA.II (T) dated 8th June, 2006.

- 4. It is further noted that Ministry prescribed TORs for 4X600MW power plant vide letter dated 31st March, 2009 for which land area requirement estimated was 1041 ha of which 491 ha for ash dyke, 100 ha for water reservoir and 100 ha for colony. It is also noted that setting up of above power project in an area of 62 ha is not possible. Further, Ministry has not been informed for change in location of the proposed power project.
- 5. It is found that proposal for setting up of 4X600MW power plant is premature as there is no area where the proposed plant can be set up.
- 6. In view of the above, the Ministry hereby withdraws the letter of even no. dated 31.03.2009 prescribing the Terms of Reference for the proposed 4X600MW coal based power project at Tamnar in District Raigarh in Chhattisgarh.
- 7. The project authorities are required to submit a clear proposal for the 4x600 MW plant and follow provisions of EIA Notification, 2006, in case they want to pursue this project.
- 8. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. P L Ahujarai)

Copy to:

- 1. The Secretary (Environment), Environment Department, Government of Chhattisgarh, Raipur.
- 2. The Chairman, State Environment Conservation Board : Nanak Niwas, Civil Lines, Raipur, Chhattisgarh 421 001
- 3. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Regional Office (WZ), E-5, Kendriya Paryavaran Bhawan, Arera Colony, Ravishankar Nagar, Bhopal 462016.
- 4. Guard file.

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